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TAGS: OTRA, SHUM, PINT, PGOV (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), AR
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

1. ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES 1500 AUGUST 13 AND DEPARTED FOR ASUNCION EARLY MORNING AUGUST 16. WHILE HERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT VIDELA AND MADE CALLS ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MONTES AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ. THESE CONVERSATIONS ARE REPORTED SEPTELS. MR. TODMAN WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS GEORGE LISTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ARA/ECP JOSEPH O'MAHONY, AND RICHARD FEINBERG OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF.

2. MR. TODMAN ALSO CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA AND FOLLOWED THIS WITH A WORKING SESSION AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ATTENDED BY MR. TODMAN'S PARTY PLUS MINISTRY AND EMBASSY OFFICERS. THE DEPUTY MINISTER WAS HOST AT A LUNCHEON AUGUST 15 GIVEN IN MR. TODMAN'S HONOR, AND IN THE EVENING ATTENDED A DINNER GIVEN BY MR. TODMAN. SEPTEL COVERS THIS PART OF VISIT.

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3. SEPTEL ALSO COVERS THE TODMAN VISIT AUGUST 14 WITH ARGENTINE POLITICAL AND LABOR LEADERS, AND ANOTHER CABLE WILL COVER ASPECTS OF THE TODMAN VISIT ESPECIALLY

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DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS: A CALL AT THE ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT, PLUS MEETINGS WITH CHARLES R. EISENHOWER (US REPRESENTATIVE IN ARGENTINA OF THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES), RABBI MARSHALL MEYER AND MR. DAVID GELLER. MR. LISTER MET ALSO WITH THREE LEADING ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS PLUS MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE.

4. THE TODMAN VISIT WAS TREATED AS A MAJOR PRESS EVENT (COVERED SEPTEL). HE SAW THE PRESS TWICE: ONCE AT A "BACKGROUND" CONFERENCE FOR AMERICAN JOURNALISTS RESIDENT IN BUENOS AIRES (EVENING AUGUST 14) AND AT A GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1900 AUGUST 15.

5. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS OUTLINED ABOVE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WAS GIVEN DINNER BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ARGENTINA, SPOKE TO AN AUDIENCE OF AMERICAN AND ARGENTINE EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY, AND ON HIS ARRIVAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON 8/13 MET FOR AN INITIAL BRIEFING SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM.

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